

Structure: The Unit

The unit (which will become a home, mercantile establishment or function of public use) is formed with the same thoughts established in the hill towns. The village concept but on a private level. A home as a village.

A physical tower becomes the central vertical element accommodating its occupants and various mechanical vertical requirements, depending on the unit's function, such as:

- stair
- kitchen
- bathroom
- study/ observation
- elevator

Surrounding this tower is the horizontal element, its plaza on the ground level emphasizing community and unity. It is the location for most family gatherings, such as meals and meetings in the home and for mercantile exchange within the business function.

- dining
- music
- reading
- cashier

Just as the streets of the Italian villages connect the building units of the town, the "street" of the unit brings individuals of the family to the center. The unit's street is a horizontal spine allowing access from tower to the more private spaces.

- corridors
- bedrooms
- storage
- closets
- utilities

